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BEGIN SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AFTER FAILING REACH  
CONSENSUS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO UNDP (SEE  
REFTEL) COMPLETED ITS CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 8  
BY ADOPTING "TAKE-NOTE" DECISION ON UNDP GC REPORTS  
AND TWO OTHER SIMPLE DECISIONS RELATING TO PARTICI-  
PATION UNEP EXDIR IN IACB AND TO WFP-IGC REPORT ON ITS  
11TH SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERED UNDP DRAFT RESOLUTION  
SPONSORED BY NETHERLANDS, CANADA AND INDIA AT NIGHT  
SESSION AUGUST 6 BUT WAS UNABLE REACH CONSENSUS. AMEND-  
MENT FROM FLOOR TO PREAMBULAR PARA 5 PROPOSED BY  
PAKISTAN WAS MAJOR BUT NOT ONLY STUMBLING BLOCK.  
PAKISTAN PROPOSED DELETION LAST HALF OF PARA BEGINNING  
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WITH "WOULD BE FACILITATED" AND SUBSTITUTION OF FOLLOW-

ING LANGUAGE AFTER WORD "CYCLE": "AND TO INSURE A SUSTAINED LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN ACTUAL TERMS IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FOR AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO GROW AT A RATE OF AT LEAST 9.6 0/0 PER ANNUM". NEITHER THIS LANGUAGE NOR PROPOSED NETHERLANDS COMPROMISE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR "WOULD BE FACILITATED" THE WORDS "IT WOULD BE NECESSARY" PROVED ACCEPTABLE TO DCS (DENMARK, US, UK).

2. ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL POINT INVOLVED OPERATIVE PARA 5 WITH UK AND BRAZIL AT LOGGERHEADS OVER QUESTION OF WHETHER COUNCIL CALL SHOULD BE DIRECTED ONLY TO "CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" (BRAZIL) OR TO "ALL GOVERNMENTS" (UK). USSR AND UKRAINE CONTINUED VOICE OBJECTIONS TO LANGUAGE ABOUT "LAGGING BEHIND" IN SAME PARAGRAPH, CLAIMING COUNCIL SHOULD NOT CRITICIZE SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH PURELY VOLUNTARY. CO-SPONSORS ACCEPTED JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE WORD "COMMITMENTS" IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 WITH WORDS "PLANNED PROGRAM EXPENDITURES" AND PAKISTANI PROPOSAL URGING UNDP AND AGENCIES TO DIVERSIFY PROCUREMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING FAVORING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALSO APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO CO-SPONSORS AND TO COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH PRECISE LANGUAGE WAS NOT FULLY AGREED.

3. AT CONCLUSION DEBATE DUTCH DEL EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL COURSE DISCUSSION HAD TAKEN, STRESSING THAT WHILE GON THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT HAVE ECOSOC PRONOUNCE ITSELF ON CERTAIN UNDP POLICY ISSUES IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT COUNCIL SHOULD ACT BY CONSENSUS AND NOT BY "DIVISION". HENCE, HIS DEL INTENDED REVIEW ITS POSITION WITH REGARD ENTIRE DRAFT RESOLUTION. AT INFORMAL MEETING P.M. AUGUST 7 CO-SPONSORS AGREED WITHDRAW RESOLUTION AFTER IT BECAME APPARENT THAT DIFFERENCES COULD NOT BE RECONCILED, AND BRAZIL (BRITO) MADE POINT TO DUTCH THAT ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO VOTE WOULD BE SIMPLE "TAKE-NOTE" DECISION. HELPFUL BRAZILIAN ACTION STIMULATED BY EARLIER PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINCOUN AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRAZAO (BRAZIL).

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4. AT A.M. MEETING AUGUST 8 COMMITTEE, COMPLETING ITS ACTION ON ITEM 8, ADOPTED THREE DRAFT DECISIONS, TAKING NOTE UNDP GC REPORTS; ENDORSING GC RECOMMENDATION THAT GA SHOULD PERMIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING BOARD (IACB); AND TWO-PART DECISION REGARDING WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, FIRST, TAKING NOTE OF IGC REPORT ON ITS 11TH SESSION AND REFERRING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON

WFP PLEDGING TARGET FOR 1975-1976 TO THE RESUMED 55TH  
ECOSOC, AND SECOND, TAKING NOTE AND REFERRING TO 28TH  
GA WFP/IGC PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOOD AID AND RELATED ISSUES.

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